SUBJECT No. 13.

Disposal of claims of debenture holders.

Messrs. Byre Gowda, Vembraliah, Dodda Rame Gowda, Kolar taluk; M. S. Ramachar, Kolar Municipality.

Summary of discussion.—When a share-holder in the debenture loan raised for the District Board Railway dies, the interest accruing thereon is not immediately paid to the sons of the deceased share-holder but they are asked to produce heirship certificates which involve much cost and trouble. Deputy Commissioners may be empowered to dispose of such cases on a regular enquiry into the legality of the claims and a rule may be framed to enable debenture holders to appoint nominees.

Reply of Government.—Will be considered.

SUBJECT No. 14.

Modification of Anglo-Vernacular School Savings Association Rules.

Mr. Sitharamiah, Hiriyur taluk.

Note.—Not discussed owing to the absence of the proposer.

SUBJECT No. 15.

Mileage to Government officials during jamabandi.

Mr. C. Ramachandra V. Rao, Chikmagalur Municipality.

Summary of discussion.—(1) At present, officials accompanying officers on jamabandi duty are not paid mileage or even the actual expenses of journeys. Mileage may be granted to the officials also.

(2) The rate of batta paid to officials and peons is inadequate considering the high prices of food grains. A minimum batta of six annas per day or a minimum mileage of one anna may be fixed for low paid officials and servants.

Reply of Government.—Under consideration.

REVENUE.

Land Revenue.

(Nos. 16 to 41.)

SUBJECT No. 16.

Passing of the Village Improvement Rules into Law.

Messrs. Nadig Raghavendrappa, C. Gurulingappa, M. Halappa and Giriyappa, Honnali taluk.

*(1) Mr. M. Venkatakrishniah.
(2) ,, Amble Anniah Pandit.
(3) ,, M. Venkataramiah.
(4) ,, Chikka Guruva Reddy.
(5) ,, H. V. Rangasami.

Summary of discussion.—The arrangement made in regard to Village Improvement is very useful. But, no systematic work can be done without the present Village Improvement Rules being passed into Law. As this is to the advantage of many people the question of legislation may be taken in hand.

Note.—The subject was referred to a Sub-Committee consisting of the marginally* noted gentlemen for investigation.

The recommendations of the Sub-Committee are as follows :—

(1) There is no necessity for legislation at present.

(2) If the Village Panchayets and the Government officers co-operate heartily with each other, the work of the Village Improvement Scheme and other matters connected therewith will undoubtedly be well done.

(3) Rewards should be granted by Government to those villages in which the work is reported by the District Officers to have been satisfactorily done.

Mr. Chikkaguruva Reddy dissented.

The Resolutions were read at the meeting on 25th April 1917 and votes were taken with the result that 65 voted in favour of legislation while 82 voted against it.

Reply of Government.—Noted.

SUBJECT No. 17.

Increased grant for Village Improvement Committees.

Mr. S. R. Balakrishna Rao, Shimoga taluk.

Summary of discussion.—The present grant by way of contribution for village improvement is not sufficiently encouraging. Government grant may be raised from one to one and a half times the funds raised locally. In Bombay, Village Sanitary Committees get from Government and Local Funds Rs. 7 for every sum of Rs. 5 raised locally.

Reply of Government.—Will be favourably considered.

SUBJECT No. 18.

Formation of Village Fund.

Mr. Ramanuja Iyengar, Gubbi taluk.

Summary of discussion.—Resources from every possible means may be secured to make up a village fund instead of enforcing labour and the village held responsible for its upkeep and sanitation. Sale proceeds of skins of dead animals, fees levied on cattle grazing in tank beds, sale proceeds of grass on tank bunds, fishery and vacant sites and a small percentage out of the net profits of the Co-operative Society may be set apart for the purpose.

Mr. M. S. Ramachar.—The proposals are not feasible inasmuch as they are opposed to *mamul* in many respects and moreover, Co-operative Societies do not exist in all villages. The Government grant-in-aid may be increased.

Mr. K. Ramanna.—Collections in the Hole-Narsipur Taluk were made at the rate of eight annas, four annas and two annas according to the means of the subscribers at harvest time and the funds are invested in the Government Savings Bank in the name of the Chairman.

Reply of Government.—Will be considered.

SUBJECT No. 19.

(1) Reduction of the rate of contribution payable by the raiyats for tank restoration; (2) Levy of contribution only for repair of tanks; (3) Repairs to minor tanks.

Messrs. (1) Nadig Lakshmana Rao, Nadig Bhaskara Rao, Sorab taluk; P. Venkappaiya, Shimoga Municipality; C. Vamana Rao, N. Subba Rao, M. Subbanna, Nagar taluk; (2) Channabasappa Gowda, Sorab taluk; (3) Puttappa, Krishnappa, Adavappa, Venkatagiriappa, Sagar taluk; and C. Srinivasa Rao, Chikmagalur taluk.

Note.—*Withdrawn*, as many of these disabilities have been removed by the recent G. O. No. R. 9425-36—L. R. 36-16-17, dated 10th March 1917 on the subject.